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In the course of a welcoming talk made before a small group of new Tudeh members on 26 December 1952, Hoseyn Lankerani[2] stated that the Tudeh Party favored the elimination of the monarchy and the creation of a republican government in Iran. Lankerani added that "recently" Ayatollah Kashani had expressed his "consent" to the Party view and "is particularly kind to us. We hope to reach our goal with his aid."

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1. ▮▮▮ Comment. ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ Tudeh Party, it seems more likely that he has succeeded in joining a Tudeh front group, possibly the Jamiyat-e-Azadi (Society for the Freedom of Iran) with which one of the Lankerani brothers has been known to be associated.
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2. ▮▮▮ Comment. Hoseyn Lankerani is possibly identical with Sheikh Hossein Lankorani who, ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮, is a prominent Iranian "leftist."
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